

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the third paragraph on page 29 as follows:

--The battery 450 comprises a chargeable secondary battery. When the portable electronic device 400 is inserted in either one of the slots 307A, 307B in the casing 302 of the video game apparatus 301, the battery 450 is supplied with electric energy from the video game apparatus 301. Specifically, the battery 450 has a terminal connected to the power supply terminal 451 via a reverse-current prevention diode 452. When the portable electronic device 400 is connected to the casing 302, electric energy is supplied from the power supply terminal 451 via the reverse-current prevention diode 452 to the battery 450.--

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel claims 1-20.

Please add new claims 21-40 as follows:

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~~-21(new). An information processing apparatus comprising:~~
~~a processor for executing a booting program to start up said information apparatus; and~~
~~a data store for storing first data,~~
~~wherein said processor selectively uses said first data stored in said data store or~~
~~second data stored in another data store according to said booting program to start up said~~
~~information processing apparatus.~~

--22(new). An information processing apparatus according to claim 21,

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~~wherein said information processing apparatus further comprises a display, and~~
~~said first data and said second data are image data, and~~

wherein said processor selectively displays an image of said first data or an image of said second data on said display according to said booting program in starting up said information processing apparatus.--

--23(new). An information processing apparatus according to claim 21, wherein the other data store for storing said second data is a recording medium removably connected to said information processing apparatus.--

--24(new). An information processing apparatus according to claim 22, wherein the other data store for storing said second data is a recording medium removably connected to said information processing apparatus.--

--25(new). An information processing apparatus according to claim 24,
wherein said processor displays an image of said first data on said display in starting up said information processing apparatus when said recording medium is not connected to said information processing apparatus, and said processor displays an image of said second data on said display in starting up said information processing apparatus when said recording medium is connected to said information processing apparatus.--

--26(new). An information processing apparatus according to claim 21, wherein the other data store for storing said second data is a portable electronic device removably connected to said information processing apparatus.--

--27(new). An information processing apparatus comprising:

a processor for executing a booting program to start up said information apparatus; and

a communication unit for data communication with a plurality of data stores for storing data,

wherein said processor selectively uses said data stored in said plurality of data stores according to said booting program to start up said information processing apparatus.--

--28(new). An information processing apparatus according to claim 27,

wherein said information processing apparatus further comprises a display, and said data stored in said plurality of data stores are image data, and

wherein said processor selectively displays an image of said data stored in said plurality of data stores on said display according to said booting program in starting up said information processing apparatus.--

--29(new). An information processing apparatus according to claim 28, wherein at least one of said plurality of data stores is a portable electronic device.--

--30(new). An information processing apparatus according to claim 27,

wherein said information processing apparatus further comprises a display, and said data stored in said plurality of data stores are image data, and

wherein said processor sequentially displays images of said data stored in said plurality of data stores on said display according to said booting program in starting up said information processing apparatus.--

--31(new). A method of starting up an information processing apparatus, comprising the steps of:

executing a booting program;

selecting data from first data stored in a data store of said information processing apparatus and a second data stored in another data store according to said booting program; and

starting up said information processing apparatus using the selected data.

--32(new). A method according to claim 31, wherein said first data and said second data are image data, said method further comprising the step of:

displaying an image of the selected image data on a display according to said booting program in starting up said information processing apparatus.--

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--33(new). A method according to claim 31, wherein the other data store for storing said second data is a recording medium removably connected to said information processing apparatus.--

--34(new). A method according to claim 32, wherein the other data store for storing said second data is a recording medium removably connected to said information processing apparatus.

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--35(new). A method according to claim 34,
wherein an image of said first data is displayed on said display in starting up said information processing apparatus when said recording medium is not connected to said information processing apparatus, and an image of said second data is displayed on said display in starting up said information processing apparatus when said recording medium is connected to said information processing apparatus.--

--36(new). A method according to claim 31, wherein the other data store for storing said second data is a portable electronic device removably connected to said information processing apparatus.--

--37(new). A method of starting up an information processing apparatus comprising the steps of:
executing a booting program;
establishing data communication with a plurality of data stores for storing data;
selecting data from data stored in said plurality of data stores according to said booting program; and

~~starting up said information processing apparatus using the selected data --~~